

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2529

January 10, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense and reckless driving charge for any driver who knowingly ignores flood warning signs or barricades and drives into a flooded area. Authorizes courts to require any such driver to reimburse local governments for the cost of rescue efforts. Grants governmental entities immunity from suit when flood warning signs or barricades were present.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

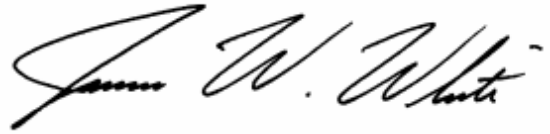
Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- Local governments will not recoup significant costs from charging the cost of rescue to the person rescued.
- Under current law, a local government would rarely be held liable in cases where a flood warning sign is posted. This statutory liability exemption will not provide any significant additional protection from liability.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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